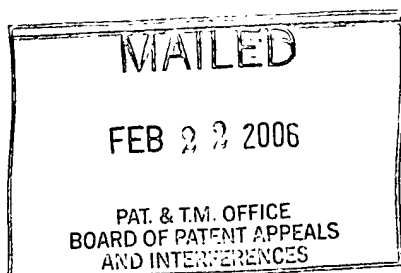




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Applicants: Maliga et al.
Application No.: 10/088,634
Filed: 10/16/02
For: Site-Specific Recombination system
to manipulate the plastid genome of
higher plants

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 105,420.

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JEFFREY M. STAUB,
PETER H.J. HAJDUKIEWICZ, and LARRY GILBERTSON,
Junior Party
(Patent 6,849,778),

v.

PAL MALIGA
and SYLVIE CORNEILLE
Senior Party
(Application 10/088,634).

Patent Interference No. 105,420
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DECLARATION - Bd.R. 203(d)¹

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the above-identified parties. Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in Parts E and F of this DECLARATION.

Part B. Judge managing the interference

¹ "Bd.R. x" may be used as shorthand for "37 C.F.R. § 41.x". 69 Fed. Reg. 49960, 49961 (12 Aug. 2004).

1 Administrative Patent Judge Sally Gardner Lane has been designated to
2 manage the interference. Bd. R. 104(a).

3 **Part C. Standing order**

4 A Trial Section STANDING ORDER [SO] (Paper 2) accompanies this
5 DECLARATION. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

6 **Part D. Initial conference call**

7 A telephone conference call to discuss the interference is set for **2:00 pm on**
8 **4 April 2006** (the Board will initiate the call).

9 No later than **four business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall
10 file and serve (SO ¶¶ 10.1 & 105) a list of the motions (Bd. R. 120; Bd. R. 204;
11 SO ¶¶ 104.2.1, 120 & 204) the party intends to file.

12 A sample schedule for taking action during the motion phase appears as Form 2
13 in the STANDING ORDER. Counsel are encouraged to discuss the schedule prior to
14 the conference call and to agree on dates for taking action. A typical motion period
15 lasts approximately eight (8) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any
16 request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. Identification and order of the parties

Junior Party

Named inventors: Jeffrey M. Staub
Chesterfield, MO

Peter H. J. Hajdukiewicz
Chesterfield, MO

Larry Gilbertson
Chesterfield, MO

Involved Patent: 6,849,778, issued on 1 February 2005
from application 09/688,851, filed 16 October 2000

Title: METHODS AND VECTORS FOR SITE-SPECIFIC
RECOMBINATION IN PLANT CELL PLASTIDS

Assignee: CALGENE, LLC and MONSANTO COMPANY

Senior Party

Named Inventors: Pal Maliga
East Brunswick, NJ

Sylvie Corneille
Highland Park, NJ

Involved Application: 10/088,634, filed 16 October 2002

Title: SITE-SPECIFIC RECOMBINATION SYSTEM TO
MANIPULATE THE PLASTID GENOME OF HIGHER
PLANTS

Assignee: RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
JERSEY

The senior party is assigned exhibit numbers 1001-1999. The junior party is
assigned exhibit numbers 2001-2999. Bd. R. 154(c)(1); SO ¶ 154.2.1. The senior party
is responsible for initiating settlement discussions. SO ¶ 126.1.

Part F. Count and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 1 of Maliga

or

Claim 2 of Staub.

The claims of the parties are:

Maliga: 1-21

Staub: 1-4

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Maliga: 1-21

Staub: 1-4

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1, and therefore are not involved in the interference, are:

Maliga: None

Staub: None

The parties are accorded the following benefit for Count 1:

Maliga:

PCT/US00/25930, filed 21 September 2000

US 60/211,139, filed 13 June 2000

US 60/155,007, filed 21 September 1999

Staub:

US 60/225,542, filed 16 August 2000

US 60/159,876, filed 15 October 1999

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2 **Part G. Heading to be used on papers**

3 The following heading must be used on all papers filed in this interference, see

4 SO ¶ 106.1.1:

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28 **Part H. Order form for requesting file copies**

29 When requesting copies of files, use of SO Form 4 will greatly expedite
30 processing of the request. Please attach a copy of Parts E and F of this
31 DECLARATION with a hand-drawn circle around the patents and applications for which
32 a copy of a file wrapper is requested.

/Sally Gardner Lane/
Administrative Patent Judge

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